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State Govt. drops
B'lore Palace land acquisition plan

● Cites issuing TDR as huge burden to exchequer ● No road expansion to Kempegowda Intl. Airport ● Emergency Cabinet meeting at 3 pm today

Bengaluru / Mysuru, Jan. 24 (KMS&BCT)- The State Government has decided to drop the proposal to widen Ballari Road and Jayamahal Road in Bengaluru, which would have required acquiring parts (about 15 acres) of Bangalore Palace Grounds owned by the erstwhile Royal Family of Mysore. The road widening plan, initially notified 15 years ago, has been deemed unviable due to the Supreme Court's decision to fix the Transferable Development Rights (TDR) value at approximately Rs. 3,011 crore, a rate on par with market value.

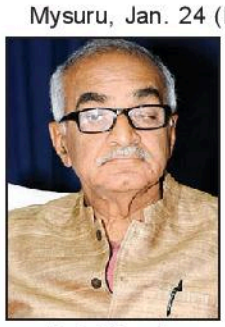
At its Jan. 16 meeting, the Cabinet cited this financial burden as the primary reason for shelving the project. A Cabinet note said, "The Supreme Court rate for the TDR to be given for land acquisition is expected to cause a financial burden on the State exchequer and will harm financial discipline."

"The TDR will be issued only for 1,217.21 sq.mt. of land acquired for the Jayamahal Road underpass. The remaining land initially intended for road widening, will be returned and funds from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will be utilised to restore the land to its original condition. Additionally, compensation will be provided to the petitioners in accordance with the Supreme Court's directions issued on Dec. 10, 2024," the note stated.

(See PALACE LAND on page 6)

Govt. being vindictive
'TDR does not cause any financial strain on Govt.,'
says Raja Chandra, member of Mysore royal family

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (BCT)- Contrary to the State Government claiming that it will cause a financial strain to the State Exchequer if it grants Transferable Development Rights (TDR) to the erstwhile Royal Family of Mysore for the Bangalore Palace land that has been acquired to widen the Ballari Road, member of the Royal Family R. Raja Chandra has said that it does not cause any financial loss to the Government.


Raja Chandra

Speaking to *Star of Mysor*e this noon, he said that the scheme of TDR itself is designed to reduce the financial burden on the Government or any public authority if it acquires land to build roads or any other infrastructure.

"The Government will not pay us the money but it will give a certificate and issuing the certificate is the only cost. The certificate will enable us to increase the Floor Space Index (FSI). For example, if a builder builds two or three floors extra instead of the permitted two floors, I can sell the TDR certificate (issued by the Government) to the builder to enable him to legalise the extra floors and thereby compensate me for the land I have lost," he said.

(See FINANCIAL STRAIN on page 6)

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Mysuru, Friday 24th January 2025

UoM Convocation: Medal winners of Teresian College

Sr. Vivina *Soundarya* *Anushka* *Likitha* *Rajarajeshwari*

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (KS) - The students of Teresian College, Siddarthanagar in city, have brought laurels to their institution by winning multiple gold medals and cash prizes at the 105th Convocation of the University of Mysore (UoM), which was held at the Crawford Hall here recently.

The medal and prize winners are as follows:

Sister Vivina Sweedal Thoras (M.Sc. Botany): 10 gold medals and two cash prizes for her exemplary performance; S. Soundarya (BA): Excelled in Economics with four gold and five cash prizes besides receiving one cash prize in Political Science; Anushka Dechamma Cheppudira (BA Optional English): Three gold medals and two cash prizes for her academic distinction; G. Likitha (B.Sc. Chemistry): Two gold medals for her achievements and A. Rajarajeshwari (B.Sc. Zoology): One gold Medal and two cash prizes for her exceptional performance, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

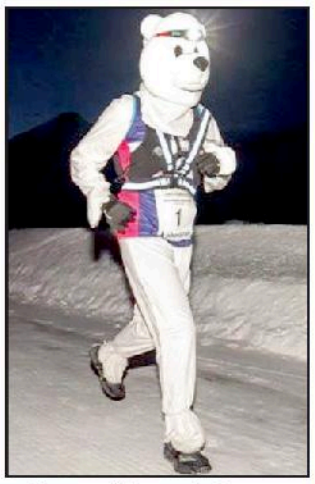
GREAT QUALITIES OF LAKSHMI: *In the first chapter, Purusha Sukta praises the Lord's qualities and power but does not mention who that Lord is. The following section only says that He, whose divine consort is Sri Mahalakshmi, is the Supreme Being. According to Vishnu Gayathri, He is called by three names: Narayana, Vasudeva and Vishnu. The divinity of Narayana excels and magnifies only with Goddess Mahalakshmi.*

Parasara Badri Bhattar Swamy said in a discourse that great Acharyas such as Alavandar, Ramanuja, Parasara Bhattar and Tirumangai Azhwar lavishly praise the innumerable qualities of the Goddess. Lord Vishnu's first attribute is that He is the divine husband of the Goddess Mahalakshmi (Thiruvukkum Thiru). Ramanuja says in his work Gadya Trayam that the Goddess is the holy mother of the universe (Akhila jagan matharam).

For our benefit, Andal composed Tiruppavai in Tamil lucidly. In the 18th poem (Undhu madha kalitran), Andal wakes up Nappinnai Devi first to show us that we must seek her blessings first — Lord Narayana sports with Abhaya Hastha — the protection affording hand pose. Here, the palm with the fingers points upwards, symbolising that He will alleviate our fears. The Goddess also sports a similar display of Abhaya Hastha. The reason is that sometimes God may decide to punish us as we are the embodiment of sins and as the mother who pours love and affection, the Goddess protects us from the fears of God and recommends to spare and let us go scotfree. Ramanuja is called Tiruppavai Jeeyar because he chants Tiruppavai while going around for alms. He likes the 18th pasuram because it extols the great qualities of Mahalakshmi. — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Marathon runner dons polar bear suit

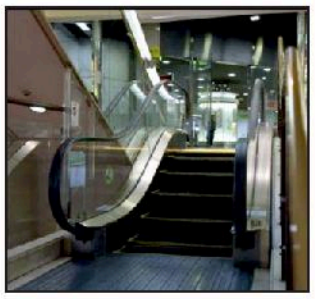


Tromsø (Norway): A woman donned a polar bear costume to run a marathon and broke a world record with her time of 4 hours, 58 minutes and 29 seconds. Gill Punt, 54, a teacher from Essex, took on the Polar Night Marathon in Tromsø, Norway, which took runners on a dark mountain pass in temperatures of about 14 degrees.

Punt crossed the finish line in her polar bear costume, earning the Guinness World Records title for the fastest ice marathon dressed as a mammal (female).

Punt's run raised $25,628 for Cancer Research UK, bringing the total she has raised over the years to about $2.39 million.

The world's smallest escalator



Kawasaki: Located in the basement of a department store in Kawasaki, Japan, the world's smallest escalator only has five steps and measures 83.4 centimetres (32.8 inches).

The world's smallest escalator is actually a useless oddity that holds no real purpose than to claim the Guinness record for the world's smallest escalator.

Known as the 'Petitcalator' or 'Puchicalator', this unusual contraption is located in the basement of More's Department Store in the city of Kawasaki and is considered more of a tourist attraction than a useful piece of technology.

Yes, it's useable, but it measures just 83.4 centimetres so it offers no real benefit to whoever is riding it over traditional stairs.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth: Calcium supplement causes renal stone

Fact: Calcium intake in moderation would prevent stone as it binds to oxalate and prevent its absorption in intestine.

By Dr. Thimmaiah K.A. - Consultant – Urology, Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Yadavagiri residents to take out candle light march on Jan. 26

Mysuru, Jan. 24- A first-of-its-kind Republic Day celebration event is planned by Yadavagiri Residents Association by organising a 'Candle Light March' on Jan. 26. The march will start from Jawa Circle to Akashvani Circle through Vivekananda Road.

Yadavagiri has made remarkable progress in keeping its surroundings clean. Still there are pockets where either residents throw garbage or those traveling by cars through Yadavagiri. Thanks to ever vigilant MCC Health Inspector and equally publicly conscious residents, those throwing garbage on the road sides have been fined

This March has been organised to promote the involvement of every resident to monitor the cleanliness and to ensure that no one throws garbage on the road.

The 'Candle Light March' will be inaugurated by MP Yaduveer Wadiyar at 7 pm. MLA K. Harishgowda, former MP Prathap Simha and City BJP President L. Nagendra will be participating in the march to convey the cleanliness campaign to the entire city.

For details, contact Conveners S.K. Dinesh and Bhamy V. Shenoy on Mob: 98451-10202 or 88610-96205.

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REALLY...?

- *Woodpeckers have strong head muscles.*
- *Woodpeckers, like the hairy woodpecker, listen for the sounds of insects crawling and chewing in the wood of a tree before using their strong, sharp bills to capture their prey.*
- *These woodpeckers live in the desert.*
- *Acorn woodpeckers live in large groups all year and can harvest and hide huge quantities of food in fall to feed on in winter and spring. One cache in an Arizona water tank held 485 pounds of acorns.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Judge: You have been arrested for driving 80 miles an hour on a wrong-side of the street, in the middle of the night, without lights. What have you to say?
Dick: It was an emergency, your honour.
Judge: What sort of emergency?
Dick: It was a stolen car!!

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VOICE OF THE READER

Bangalore Palace
Grounds ownership case

Sir,

Apropos the news report ***'Bangalore Palace Grounds Ownership Case: State to File Interim Application before SC seeking early hearing'*** in *SOM* dated Jan. 17, 2025.

It appears to be a case of exhibition of executive puniness by the State government which is unable to digest the order of the Supreme Court dated 10.12.2024 to a host of analogous Contempt Petitions against the Chief Secretary, Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) for wilfully disobeying the order of the Apex Court for well over 10 years.

Veteran politician and Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil shows his lack of knowledge when he talks about the Government's appeal, citing the "financial strain of Rs. 3,011 crore in providing TDR…"

The scheme of TDR itself is designed to avoid the so-called "financial strain" on the local authorities from acquiring valuable urban land towards building roads or other infrastructures.

The local authority is just giving a Certificate called TDR/ DRC (Transferable Development Rights/ Development Rights Certificate) to enable the owners to sell the DRC to willing builders at the prevailing market value for such an instrument and build additional floors against legally permissible Floor Space Index (FSI).

To put it bluntly, it is just an immoral act from an instrumentality of the State legalising an illegal building. The obvious "strain" in the heartstrings is the bureaucratic jealousy about someone getting compensated for the land surrendered.

Today, the right to property is recognised in Article 17 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which states: "Article 17: **1. Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others.**

2. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property."

It is accepted in every jurisprudence and by different political thinkers that some amount of property right is an indispensable safeguard against tyranny and economic oppression of the Government.

Thomas Jefferson was of the view that liberty cannot long subsist without the support of property. "Property must be secured; else liberty cannot subsist" was the opinion of John Adams. Indeed the view that property itself is the seedbed which must be conserved if other constitutional values are to flourish, is the consensus among political thinkers and jurists.

Yet, here is a so-called "Responsible Government" which is trying to browbeat a family and evict them from their ancestral home by calling it a material resource of the community just to deny fair compensation. Imagine a measly Rs. 11 crore for around 470 acres whereas in the immediate neighbourhood for that amount one cannot even have a 100'x100' site!

Whether the State files IA for an early hearing or not, the challenge against the **"Bangalore Palace (Acquisition & Transfer) Act 1996,** will be heard in due course as the nine-Judge Bench case on the applicability of Art. 39 (b) of the Constitution to private properties has been clarified in Nov 2024.

Even now the Supreme Court may well defer hearing the case as in State of West Bengal and others Vs Paschim Banga B.K. Samity and others, the Apex Court has said a Constitution Bench of 5 should decide."

The question is: "Whether Article 300 A, which does not contain a provision like Article 31(2), would mandate payment of any amount as compensation for depriving a person of his property under the authority of law? If yes, then what are the parameters of adjudging the principles for payment of amount or the amount fixed by the Acquiring Act as illusory?"

Coming to the so-called threat to file a Contempt Petition against the alleged illegal structures, is nothing but a retribution and retaliation by a sulking State!

—R. Raja Chandra

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Ban orders around exam centres tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 24- With the KPSC scheduled to conduct the written exam for appointment to vacant Group B posts in various Departments, at 23 centres spread across the city tomorrow, city Police have enforced prohibitory orders in 200-metre radius around all centres from 12 noon to 6 pm on Jan. 25.

Accordingly, other than the examinees and exam staff, no unauthorised person will be allowed entry to the centres. Also, carrying of objectionable articles around the centres is prohibited and all the photocopy shops/ browsing centres in the vicinity of exam centres have been ordered to shut down during exam hours, according to City Police Commissioner's Office.

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Railway exam coaching class

Netaji Career Academy, Mysuru, will be conducting coaching class for the written exam for recruitment to Railway Group-D posts, on Jan. 25 at its premises on Krishna Vilas Road, opposite Avila Convent, near Jaganmohan Palace in city. For details and registration, contact Ph: 0821- 3553964 or Mob: 63641-16745 or 94807-09611, according to a press release.

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Trust

As part of its monthly cultural programme for the month of January, Vidushi K.K. Vaibhavi and team will render Karnatak Classical Vocal on Jan. 25 at 6.30 pm at Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Srirama Mandira, Srirampet, opposite Nallappa Thana Police Station, Mysuru, according to a press release from President of Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust Dr. N. Sriram.

Mass 108 Surya Namaskara

As part of Rathasaptami, Mysuru Yoga Okkuta will be conducting '108 Mass Surya Namaskara' at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple premises at the North Gate of Mysore Palace on Feb. 4 at 5.30 am. The event also marks the 24th anniversary of the Okkuta. School and College students, Yoga Centre students, members of Associations and Yoga practitioners can take part in the programme. For more details and registration, contact Mob: 94811-70530 or 98860-83118 or 98804-90014.

Charging of power line: Villagers cautioned

With the KPTCL all set to charge the 1x8 MVA Kadakola - Jayapura High Tension Power Line that passes through Udbur, D. Salundi, Jayapura, Taripura, Kallahalli and Dhanagalli villages on or after Jan. 27, the residents of these villages are cautioned against tying of cattle to electric towers, removal of metal strips, climbing of towers, touching of power lines, growing plants and shrubs under towers, flying of kites in the vicinity of towers etc. The villagers are warned against doing any such acts as they pose a serious threat to life and may also result in fatalities, according to a press release from the KPTCL Executive Engineer (Major Works Division). The release further said that KPTCL cannot be held responsible for any mishaps, loss of life or injuries caused by any ignorance or violation of warning.

Spike in ATM kiosk robberies

90 percent of ATMs in city lack security

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (RK&BCT)- With tech-savvy thieves finding new ways to bypass security measures, Mysuru City Police are working to prevent ATM break-ins and cash theft during replenishment. However, lack of adequate security at ATM kiosks — of nationalised banks, co-operative banks and agricultural banks — has become a growing concern for residents.

ATMs have become a vital part of daily life, making their security a top priority. Despite Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines mandating the deployment of security guards at all ATMs, 90 percent of the kiosks in Mysuru city — even in the business hubs of Central Business District — operate without guards and 60 percent of them close after 10 pm.

Previously, banks ensured round-the-clock security at ATMs, but in a bid to cut costs, many have stopped appointing guards. Banks now resort to closing the ATMs at 10 pm as a cost-cutting measure. This negligence has left the public feeling vulnerable, especially since ATMs are widely preferred for their convenience, reducing foot traffic at bank counters and easing operations for bank staff.

While ATMs actually should function 24x7, the Lead Bank has instructed banks to deploy security guards — a measure implemented at only a few locations and only during the daytime. Banks have outsourced this responsibility to private agencies.

Residents frequently visit ATMs at night, often to withdraw large sums. However, the absence of guards to assist during emergencies or potential threats has heightened fears of robberies. Many citizens believe this negligence has contributed to the rise in theft cases.

In certain locations where ATMs are attached to bank branches, a single security guard is tasked with overseeing both the bank and the ATM. This dual responsibility often leaves the ATM kiosk unattended.

Though banks display information boards about security measures, there are no clear instructions for customers on handling problems while using the machines. In many cases, the only reliable safety measure is the CCTV or inbuilt camera at the ATM.

Nationalised banks tend to have security guards present during the day, while private banks heavily rely on CCTV cameras near the ATMs to address security concerns. However, both approaches fall short of providing comprehensive protection, leaving the public at risk.

Responsibility of banks

ATM security is the responsibility of banks. I recently held a meeting with representatives from 67 banks within the city jurisdiction, urging them to exercise heightened caution in areas involving cash transactions. However, despite this directive, a large number of ATMs in the city still lack security guards, leaving both the kiosks and users vulnerable. Out of the 240 ATMs in Mysuru city, only 90 currently have security guards. I have also instructed banks to coordinate closely with the jurisdictional Police to prevent crimes effectively.

—Seema Latkar, Police Commissioner, Mysuru City

Security guards for ATMs are deployed through agencies and bank officials conduct surprise visits to ensure compliance. Following the recent rise in incidents across the State, a meeting with bank heads was held to review and strengthen security measures for cash vehicles and ATMs. CCTV footage is being continuously monitored and guards have been instructed to be present at all ATM kiosks. If guards are still missing, customers can file complaints with the supervisors or branch managers, whose contact numbers are displayed inside ATM rooms."

—Nagesh, Manager, Lead Bank

Farmers stage protest against Microfinance companies at Nanjangud

Nanjangud, Jan. 24 (DM)- Strongly condemning the high rate of interest charged by Microfinance companies and forcible actions for recovery of loans, farmers under the banner of KRRS staged a demonstration in front of Tahsildar Office in Nanjangud town on Wednesday.

Addressing the protestors, KRRS President Badagalapura Nagendra said that Microfinance companies have been harassing the farmers and other loanees by charging high interest on loans. Stating that these companies collect the Aadhaar card, property documents etc., of farmers while advancing loans, Nagendra alleged that farmers are being made to pay a heavy price for any default in repayment of loans along with higher interest.

" Microfinance companies are engaging rowdy elements for forcible recovery of money from loanees. The farmers across the State are put to a lot of hardship as the Union Government has cut down NABARD funds for lending of loans to farmers of the State. The cutting down of NABARD funds has driven the DCC Banks to the verge of closure. The farmers who used to get interest-free loans from NABARD, are now forced to borrow money from Microfinance companies, which are charging huge interest rates. Farmers who have taken loans from such companies are losing their properties and other assets as the companies are forcibly evicting them out of their homes for default on loan repayments. KRRS strongly condemns the actions of such Microfinance companies," he said and warned that the KRRS would be forced to launch a massive agitation if the harassment of farmers continue.

Nagendra further said that the KRRS would hold a massive demonstration against the Centre for cutting down NABARD loan funds, at Bengaluru on Jan.29.

KRRS office-bearers Hoskote Basavaraj, Hosur Kumar, Marankaiah, Ankappa, Mahesh Prabhu, Netravathi, Kaulande Paramesh, Premaraj, Hunasanalu Mahesh and others took part.

Microfinance Co. harassment sparks outrage; Statewide protests warned

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (GA&TRR)- Amid rising complaints of harassment by Microfinance lending firms across Karnataka, T.V. Arunkumar, State President of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Raitha Parva, has warned of a Statewide agitation if the government fails to curb these practices.

Speaking to reporters at Patrakarthara Bhavan, he said, "The entry of Microfinance firms was initially a boon for rural borrowers who struggled to secure loans. However, these firms began lending large sums without assessing borrowers' repayment capacities, leading to widespread harassment."

He further alleged that the firms not only charge exorbitant interest rates but also relentlessly harass borrowers over delayed installments. This has forced many women from villages such as Hullhalli, Rampura, Muddalli, and regions in Chamarajanagar district, Bengaluru Rural, Ranebennur's Gudddabavihalli, Belagavi and other parts of the State, to flee their homes.

"The high-interest rates charged by these firms violate RBI guidelines, making their practices illegal. The Government must step in immediately to protect vulnerable citizens from such exploitation," he said.

Suttur Jathra from Jan. 26 to 31

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (GA&BS)- The six-day Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Jathra Mahotsava is scheduled to be held from Jan. 26 to 31 at Suttur Sri Kshetra, in Nanjangud taluk, Mysuru district.

Jathra Mahotsava Committee Secretary S.P. Manjunath Swamy, who addressed media persons at Suttur on Thursday said, the Jathra will be graced by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji. The mass marriage ceremony and Halaravi Utsava have been organised on Jan. 27, Rathotsava on Jan. 28, Mahadeshwara Kondotsava and Laksha Deepotsava on Jan. 29, Teppotsava on Jan. 30 and Anna Brahmotsava on Jan. 31.

That apart, several other religious and cultural programmes, academic and sports related activities have been organised.

Mass Marriage: The Mass Marriage ceremony provides an opportunity for the couples irrespective of caste and community to enter wedlock for free. Along with the inter-caste couple, specially-abled and inter-State couples are also expected to tie the knot in the ceremony. The marriages shall be registered, he said.

The bride shall be given saree, blouse, mangalya and toe ring and the groom will be given dhoti, shirt and valli.

As many as 156 couples including 18 from Tamil Nadu, three specially-abled and one inter-religion couple will be entering wedlock in the ceremony. So far, over 3,200 couples have embraced marital life in the mass marriage ceremony.

The Certificate of Marriage and Registration of Marriage Certificate can be submitted to avail of the benefit provided by the Government, he said.

Exhibition: The other events include expo of industrial products, handloom, textiles, handicrafts, Women's Self-Help Group products among several others to name a few. Over 200 models prepared by the students of JSS High Schools, on the topics related to Science and Education will also be displayed.

On Jan. 29, a State-level children's painting competition has been organised for the students of class 10 on various topics, along with kite flying competition for students and general public.

On Jan. 30, a National-level Nada Kusti has been organised, that includes two Maarpit bouts this time.

The winner of National-level wrestling will be feted with the title 'Suttur Kesari' and the winner of local wrestling tournament will be conferred the title 'Suttur Kumar.'

Boating: The other attractions include boating on all the days of Jathra and desi games for men, women and students of JSS High Schools respectively from Jan. 28 to 30, followed by Cattle Fair.

On Jan. 30, as part of Theppotsava, Kapila Arati has been organised, in association with Yuva Brigade of Nanjangud.

Prabhat Pheri, a procession, will be taken out from **Jan. 28 to 31,** covering the nearby villages in the taluk, to promote social harmony and peace.

Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeetha Shivakumara Swamy, Administrative Officer Udayshankar and Convener of Dasoha Committee Prof. Bokkahalli Subbappa were present at the press meet.

SUTTUR JATHRA EVENTS

Tomorrow (Jan. 25)

At Gadduge premises — 11 am: Sri Siddappaji Kathana Gayana by Siddaraju, Konanakoppalu, Malavalli; **12 noon:** Sugama Sangeetha by Siddaraju, Rampura, Channapatna; **1 pm:** Anubhava Mantapa Short Play by Veerashaiva Mahila Vedike (Akkana Balaga), Kollegal; **1.30 pm:** Sugama Sangeetha by V.P. Rashmi and Team, Bengaluru; **2.30 pm:** Bhakthi Geethe Swaramrutha Music Group, Yaraganahalli, Mysuru; **3.30 pm:** Special Rhythm by Nadalahari Vadyavrunda, K.R. Mohalla, Mysuru; **4.30 pm:** Vachana and Tatvapada by G. Amma Ramachandra and Team, Devalapura, Saraguru; **5.30 pm:** Quiz - Topic - Jagadguru Sri Ghanalinga Shivayogi; **7 pm:** Yoga Dance by students of JSS Public School, J.P. Nagar, Mysuru; **7.30 pm:** Bharatanatyam by Shivanrutyam Academy, Nanjangud; **8.30 pm:** Bharatanatyam by Vidu. N. Meghana Rao, Sharadadevinagar, Mysuru; **9.30 pm:** Janapada Jaadhu by R. Venkatesh Murthy, Ambarapura, Gubbi.

DRAMAS

At Hiriyara Mane premises — 10 pm: 'Bhakta Prahlada' by Sri Madiwalesärwara Kala Sangha, Dhanagalli, Mysuru.

In front of Sri Siddhananja Deshikendra Mangala Mantapa — 10 pm: 'Dakshayajna' by Someshwara Kala Tanda, Moodahalli, Nanjangud.

Adjacent to Govt. Primary School — 10 pm: 'Shani Mahatme' or 'Raja Vikrama' by Sri Marudeshwaraswamy Nataka Mandali, Channabasavayyanahundi. T. Narasipur.

Behind Sri Ghanalinga Shivayogi Guest House — 10 pm: 'Dakshayajna' by Sri Ramambika Kala Sangha, Kothegala, T. Narasipur.

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Finally, MCC to restore Heritage Welcome Arches

Tenders called to take up works at Rs. 1.2 crore

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (PM&BS)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is set to take up the restoration works of Welcome Arches that have heritage significance — one near Hotel Lalitha Mahal Palace and another near Government Guest House in Nazarbad, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.2 crore.

Star of Mysore and its sister publication *Mysuru Mithra* had carried a series of reports on the dilapidated condition of these two arches in the city to draw the attention of local administrative bodies. But still, there was no speedy action on the part of MCC. Now, late but not never, the MCC has decided to take up the restoration works, towards the conservation of heritage structures.

But still, the MCC has to be blamed for neglecting these heritage structures for a long time. The City of Mysuru is known by a sobriquet 'Heritage City,' for having numerous heritage structures. But what was ailing these structures is lack of proper maintenance. Though the MCC's decision to restore these structures is a welcome step towards the conservation of heritage structures, several citizens warn against any sub-standard works, that defeats the very purpose of protecting these heritage structures.

These two welcome arches are over a century old and were built using lime and mortar and bricks, sans any cement. They were artistically built with embossed carvings, the sad state of which can be understood, when anybody makes a closer observation of these arches. The design of these arches was replicated in the arches built on Krishnaraja Boulevard near Hunsur Road Junction in front of the old Deputy Commissioner's Office, Maharani's Science College for Women premises, Irwin Road, KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand.

Welcome Arches near Hotel Lalitha Mahal Palace and Government Guest House.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Member of Mysuru District Heritage Conservation Sub-Committee Prof. N.S. Rangaraju said, no heritage buildings in the city were built using cement, but iron has been used in a smaller proportion.

"The Committee in which, I am also a Member, has been constituted for the survey and study of heritage buildings, under which the survey of the welcome arches, to chalk out plans for their conservation was also conducted," Prof. Rangaraju added.

The survey was conducted along with MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, Deputy Commissioner (Development) K.J. Sindhu, Deputy Director of the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage C.N. Manjula along with two engineers of MCC. A report pertaining to conservation of heritage buildings has been submitted.

"The welcome arch near Lalitha Mahal Palace has a bunch of five lamps on each of its four pillars built in concrete that will be conserved. It has been recommended in the report to follow the same heritage technology and construction materials, without damaging the designs that signify heritage status. The priority is also given for the road widening," said Prof. Rangaraju.

In the second stage, it has been recommended to take up restoration works of the arches at the premises of Maharani's Science College for Women and near Mysuru Central Prisons. Besides, recommendation has been given to install a statue of Kempananjammanni (Vani Vilasa Sannidhana) at the premises of Maharani's Science College for Women and to involve noted sculptor Arun Yogiraj of city, to carve the statue of Vani Vilasa Sannidhana.

> "Tenders have been invited and once the tender procedures were completed, the works on restoration of heritage arches will be taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.2 crore. Previously, a Committee related to conservation had been constituted and survey was conducted."
>
> — K.J. Sindhu,
> MCC Deputy Commissioner (Dev.)

Govt. drops Palace land acquisition plan

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The Cabinet also felt that financially unviable projects were against public interest and public policy. An emergency Cabinet meeting scheduled for 3 pm today (Jan. 24) will discuss the implications of the Supreme Court's ruling and the ownership dispute surrounding the 472-acre Bangalore Palace Grounds.

The State Government, originally set to convene its Cabinet meeting on Jan. 30, rescheduled it to Jan. 24 (today) following the Supreme Court hearing the matter on Jan. 21.

Ordinance route?

The Cabinet is likely to pass an ordinance temporarily overriding the Apex Court's judgement on TDR, citing the Rs. 3,011 crore compensation as an unmanageable financial burden. Additionally, the Government plans to file an Interim Application before the Supreme Court, seeking an urgent hearing on the validity of the Bangalore Palace Acquisition Act, 1996.

The Government had proposed acquiring approximately 15 acres and 17.5 guntas of Palace Grounds land for the widening of Ballari Road and Jayamahal Road. However, the Apex Court's Dec. 10, 2024, ruling fixed TDR compensation at Rs. 2.83 lakh per sq. mt for Ballari Road land and Rs. 2.04 lakh per sq. mt for Jayamahal Road land.

With ownership of the 472-acre Palace Grounds still under dispute in the Supreme Court, the Siddaramaiah Government is reluctant to grant TDR compensation, as the State cannot recover it once allocated. The Cabinet's emergency meeting today is expected to address these concerns.

R. Raja Chandra, a member of the erstwhile Mysore royal family, criticised the State Government's decision to halt the Ballari Road widening project, claiming it was done solely to avoid issuing TDR.

Writing to *Star of Mysore*, he accused the Government of intentionally creating difficulties for the royal family and being hostile towards them. "Back in 2009, the acquisition of Palace land was ordered for the public purpose of road widening. Has that purpose been forgotten now?" Raja Chandra questioned, expressing frustration over the Government's reversal of its earlier decision.

'TDR does not cause any financial strain'

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"The Government is not spending any money, It is just giving a certificate called TDR/ DRC (Transferable Development Rights/ Development Rights Certificate) to enable the certificate holders to sell the DRC to willing builders at the prevailing market value for such an instrument and build additional floors against legally permissible FSI," Raja Chandra elaborated.

"So, by issuing TDR certificates, the Government is not spending any money but the TDR certificate holder can make money by selling it to the builders. It is a win-win situation for the Government, TDR certificate holders and the builders. It is just a via-media solution. In fact, the TDR comes below the market value. By denying the TDR, the Government is being petty. To put it simply, the Government is jealous that the royal family (TDR holder) is making money," he added.

Raja Chandra also said that the Government is being vindictive. "There is no doubt that the land (Bangalore Palace) belongs to the royal family and by issuing the TDR, the Government is accepting that. As the land belongs to the royal family, they brought in the Bangalore Palace Acquisition Act, of 1996 which we have challenged in the Supreme Court. The State Government wants to take over the land without giving the market value," he added.

Renukaswamy Murder Case

SC refuses to cancel bail granted to actor Darshan and others

New Delhi, Jan. 24 (Agencies)- The Supreme Court (SC) this morning refused to cancel the bail granted by the Karnataka High Court (HC) to Kannada actor Darshan, Pavithra Gowda and other accused in the Renukaswamy murder case. However, the Apex Court agreed to examine Government of Karnataka's challenge.

The SC Bench comprising Justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan issued notice to Darshan and others on the State's plea against the HC's bail order.

The Karnataka High Court had granted bail to Darshan and others on Dec. 13, 2024. Darshan was arrested on June 11, 2024, in Mysuru, on charges of murdering Renukaswamy on June 8, 2024 after he allegedly sent obscene messages to Pavithra Gowda.

Later, Karnataka High Court granted Darshan interim bail on medical grounds for six weeks on Oct. 30, 2024 followed by a regular bail to him and others in December.

'The Organic World' inaugurated in city

Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, Managing Partner, Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works, seen inaugurating 'The Organic World' store at Vijayanagar 2nd Stage in city recently. Also seen are Silent Shores Resort and Spa Managing Director M. Akshaya Shenoy, Kusuma J. Shenoy and Silent Shores Resort and Spa Director (Operations) Vinay Ramesh. 'Organic World' offers a wide range of food, grocery, fruits, vegetables and personal care products.

Art Karat jewellery expo begins

The two-day Art Karat Jewellery exhibition, presented by Impressionz to showcase the jeweller's 'Tanjore' collections, was inaugurated at Hotel Southern Star in Mysuru this morning. Seen in the picture are (from left) Organiser Krupa Sumanth, Akshaya Shenoy, Sushma Reddy, Ujwala Pathange and Rajshree from Art Karat. The expo will be open between 11 am and 8 pm today and tomorrow.

District Police destroy 24 kg seized ganja

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (PM&KS)- The Mysuru District Police, who had seized 24.97 kg ganja worth Rs. 4,99,400 that were seized in 19 cases have destroyed the narcotic substance as per the procedure.

The destruction was carried out in the presence of the Drug Disposal Committee, at the M/s GIPS Bio-Tech Incinerator Plant in Sy. No. 82, Gujjegowdanapura village, Jayapura Hobli, Mysuru Taluk.

The destruction process was overseen by Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Vishnuvardhana, who is also the Chairman of the Mysuru District Drug Disposal Committee, along with other Police officials.

Obituary

Rajayogini Brahmakumari Ramaji

Nanjangud, Jan. 24- Rajayogini Brahmakumari Ramaji (67), Chief Convenor of Prajapitha Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya at Thomas Layout in Nanjangud, passed away on Wednesday.

She had served as a Rajayoga teacher in Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya in Mysuru, Mandya, Kodagu, Hassan and Chamarajanagar for 54 years.

Last rites were held at Mukthidhama in Hootagalli, Mysuru yesterday afternoon, according to sources.

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Two Captivating Vocal Concerts

Ganabharathi had organised a vocal recital on Jan. 10 at Veene Seshanna Bhavana. The concert, performed by the young and talented **Medha Manjunath,** was a truly delightful experience.

Medha received her early training from Vid. Sukanya Prabhakar, who laid a strong foundation for her musical journey.

Currently, her father-in-law, Vid. Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma, is guiding her further. Medha's performance stands out for her excellent manodharma, precise enunciation, perfect shruti and her creativity in weaving new musical patterns. She was accompanied by **Keshav Mohankumar** on violin, **A. Radhesh** on mridanga and **S. Manjunath** on ghata.

The concert opened with a varna in the raga Valachi, which brought a refreshing touch to the performance, as this varna is rarely heard by vocalists. 'Chalamu,' composed by Vid. Lalgudi G. Jayaraman, is a beautiful piece, especially well-suited for instrumentalists.

Medha thoughtfully selected compositions from a variety of composers, including Muthiah Bhagavatar's Amba Vani (Keeravani), Muthuswami Dikshitar's Hiranmayi Lakshmeem (Lalita) and Sri Kanthimathim (Hemavathi), Mysore Vasudevacharya's Rama Ramana Narayana (Nagaswaravali), Tyagaraja's Shobhillu Saptaswara (Jaganmohini), Harapanahalli Bheemavva's Nille Nille Kollhapuradevi (Shuddha Saranga) and Muppina Shadakshari's Enage Bhoga Bhagya Beda (Durga).

Medha Manjunath presenting a vocal recital at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in city on Jan. 10. She is accompanied by Keshav Mohankumar on violin, A. Radhesh on mridanga and S. Manjunath on ghata.

Medha presented a detailed exposition of ragas Lalita and Hemavathi. Her performance was marked by appropriate gamakas, skilful use of spirals and a bhavapoorna rendition. When it comes to Kalpana swaras, her imagination soars, as she explores various patterns and notes with flair. The Devaranama and Muppina Shadakshari's composition deserve special mention, both for their emotional depth and the tuneful crafting by Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar.

The success of the concert can also be credited to the accompanying musicians — Keshav Mohankumar, Radhesh and Manjunath — whose contributions were integral to the performance. Medha's bright future as a vocalist is certainly promising.

Hari Vidyalaya, an institution known for promoting Indian tradition and culture, celebrated Sankranti this year with a classical music concert. The event featured young Vidwan **G.K. Manamohan Krishna,** accompanied by **Keshav Mohankumar** (violin) and **Anirudha Bhat** (mridanga), kicking off a series of such concerts.

Manamohan has been thoroughly mentored by three distinguished Mysuru-based female artistes: Vidushis H.N. Rajalakshmi, Vasantha Sundararajan and Pushpa Srinivasan. This solid foundation has helped him carve a distinctive space for himself in the world of classical music. His commitment to music is clearly reflected in his singing.

Manamohan's rendition of Vandisuvudadiyali Gananathana, a composition of Purandara Dasa, marked the beginning of a flawless, rigorous and impressive concert. The crisp Kalpana swaras added a layer of brilliance to the performance. He unfurled the majestic raga Shankarabharana with great finesse, each phrase resonating with raga bhava and evoking memories of the stalwarts of the past.

Vid. G.K. Manamohan Krishna presenting a music concert in city recently accompanied by Keshav Mohankumar on violin and Anirudha Bhat on mridanga.

His alapana, typically filled with rapid spirals, injected a sense of energy throughout the concert. This speed was maintained seamlessly, further enhancing the vibrancy of his performance. His rendition of Bhakti Bhikshameeyave by Tyagaraja included a well-structured neraval and Kalpana swaras.

Manamohan confidently tackled Jayamanohari, a challenging raga that combines Abhogi and Sriranjani in its ascending and descending scales. Shriramya Chitta by Tyagaraja was rendered with lively swaras, demonstrating his command over the raga. Following Marivere Gati Evvaramma by Shyama Shastri, the main raga of the day, Mandari, was elaborately explored.

Both Manamohan and Keshav brought out the essence of the raga, offering the audience a captivating experience. Keshav's violin support was exemplary, enriching the musical experience.

Anirudha Bhat's imaginative strokes on mridanga also stood out, providing a rhythmic foundation that complemented the vocal performance.

The popular Nagumomu and Neene Doddavano brought the concert to a triumphant conclusion, showcasing a blend of energy and maturity in Manamohan's singing.

—Dr. Rama V. Bennur

'Kalemane Kalashree' Awards conferred

Mysuru, Jan. 24- Kumar Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru, has been organising the International Nirantara Kalemane Festival every month for the past three years at its Kalemane Sabhaangana in Hebbal, Mysuru.

This festival successfully completed 49 months and celebrated its Golden Jubilee 50th Month Festival on Jan. 11 and 12.

The celebrations featured varied dance performances and honoured distinguished achievers from various fields with the 'Kalemane Kalashree' Award.

The first day's programme was inaugurated by Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Mysuru Branch. The second day's programme was inaugurated by MLA K. Harishgowda. Renowned personalities such as Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar attended the programme.

On the second day, Congress leader K.V. Chethan, along with Ravi, Delhi Ravi and Anand, participated in the event.

'Kalemane Kalashree' Awards

During these two days, 11 achievers from various fields were honoured with the 'Kalemane Kalashree 2025' Award. They are: K.T. Chikkanna (Literature), Gollahalli Shivaprasad (Folklore), Guru Palaniyappan Pillai (Dance), Guru Karnataka Kalashree Satyanarayana Raju (Dance), Professor S. Mallanna (Sugama Sangeetha), Guru Manjula Vishwanath (Dance), Guru Shraddha Shivaprakash (Dance), Dr. T. Amarnath (Medicine), Ranganath (Journalism), Dr. Sanjay Shantaraman (Dance) and Vid. Parshwanath (Dance).

The festival featured vibrant dance performances by various dance gurus and their disciples, including: Bharatanatyam recitals by Karnataka Kalashree Dr. K. Kumar and his daughters Lekha and Nidhi and the students of Kumar Performing Arts Centre, Guru Palaniyappan Pillai and his disciples, Guru Manjula Vishwanath and her disciples, Guru Shraddha Shivaprakash and her disciples, Guru Dr. Sanjay Shantaraman and his disciples and Guru Vidwan Parshwanath.

The programme was supported with excellent sound and lighting arrangements by Gopi.

avantbkg Hospital performs city's first Valve-in-Valve-in-Valve TAVI procedure

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (KS)- avantbkg Hospital, Mysuru, has successfully performed a highly complex and rare Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) procedure in city.

This first Valve-in-Valve-in-Valve TAVI procedure was performed by Dr. J. Rajagopal, Chief Interventional Cardiologist, on a 62-year-old patient, who required a third valve replacement.

The patient, who had previously undergone a Bentall procedure with a Trifecta 25 valve that developed restenosis, had a second valve replacement via TAVI in 2019 with a Myval 24.5mm valve.

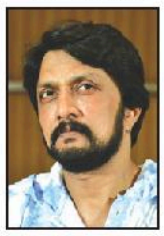
In this case, Dr. Rajagopal implanted a Medtronic Evolut FX 26mm valve, offering the patient a new lease on life through this innovative, non-surgical technique.

"This case represents a significant advancement in cardiac care. Successfully performing a Valve-in-Valve-in-Valve TAVI highlights our ability to manage the most complex cardiac conditions with precision and expertise. The minimally invasive approach ensures faster recovery and improved outcomes for patients who might not tolerate traditional open-heart surgery," Dr. Rajagopal said.

Dr. T.N. Balakrishna Gowda, Managing Director of avantbkg Hospital, appreciating the doctors' team said, "We are thrilled to see such a rare and complex procedure successfully performed at avantbkg Hospitals. This accomplishment not only showcases the skill and expertise of our team, led by Dr. J. Rajagopal, but also reinforces our dedication to saving lives with the latest medical innovations. It is a moment of immense pride for the entire hospital team."

The 62-year-old patient's successful recovery following the procedure underscores the critical role that advanced cardiac interventions play in enhancing patient outcomes. The case sets a new benchmark in interventional cardiology for Mysuru region, providing hope for patients with similar complex cardiac conditions.

Actor 'Kiccha' Sudeep turns down State Film Award



Sudeep

Bengaluru, Jan. 24 (Agencies)- Popular Kannada actor 'Kiccha' Sudeep turned down Karnataka State Film Award for Best Actor for his role in the movie 'Pailwan' released in 2019.

The actor in his post on 'X', said, "Respected Government of Karnataka and Members of the Jury, it is truly a privilege to have received the State award under the best actor category, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to the respected jury for this honour. However, I must express that I have chosen to stop receiving awards for several years now, a decision made for various personal reasons that I intend to uphold."

Kichcha added, "There are many deserving actors who have poured their hearts into their craft and would appreciate this prestigious recognition far more than I would. It will only make me happier to see one of them receiving it. ..."

RPF observes National Girl Child Day

R.S.P. Singh

Mysuru, Jan. 24- The **Railway Protection Force (RPF),** like every, observed National Girl Child Day today (Jan. 24). Conceived by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in 2008, the Day resounds as a clarion call, urging society to confront the trials faced by girls and to cultivate pathways for their all-encompassing growth and empowerment.

As part of its promise to ensure its commitment to the safety of all passengers, RPF has come out with initiatives to safe, secure and dignified train travel for girls and women.

Apart from establishing helpline desks manned by dedicated security personnel to provide immediate assistance to girls in distress, **RPF has also opened helpline number 139** to report their grievances. Various community outreach programmes to raise awareness about girl child safety and their rights are also being organised regularly in addition to workshops and seminars in schools and community centres to educate parents and children on preventing exploitation and abuse. **Child Helpline 1098 is functional 24x7 for people to report their grievances.**

Last year, the Railway Protection Force under the *Operation Nanhe Faristey* has rescued a total of 15,703 children nationwide out of which 4,472 are children.

To ensure safety of women and girls during their journey, the RPF under the *Meri Saheli* programme has deployed about 250 teams covering 600 trains across Indian Railway Network. Last year, a total of 46,64,906 lonely passengers including girls were attended by the team.

"Recognising the menace of human trafficking, the RPF has established Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) at key Railway Stations. These units work in tandem with Government Railway Police (GRP), local Police, intelligence agencies, NGOs and Child Welfare Committees (CWCs) to intercept trafficking activities. A total of 153 AHTUs is functioning over Indian Railways. During 2024, AHTU team rescued 1,511 victims including 99 girl children with the arrest of 456 traffickers," said **R.S.P. Singh, IG-cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner, RPF, South Western Railway, Hubballi.**

RPF comprises 5,622 female personnel over Indian Railway including 13 Gazetted Officers, 570 sub-ordinate officers and 4,911 under-officers, dedicated to ensure safe journey of female passengers. Additionally, RPF personnel undergo regular training in child protection laws and best practices to handle cases involving children with sensitivity and efficiency. They are vigilant on platforms and trains, ensuring no child is left unattended or vulnerable. Rescued kids are taken to child care institutions where they receive necessary care.

South Zone Inter-University Women's Cricket Tournament - 2025

All-rounder Hassini guides ANU to victory against Thiruvalluvar University

Mysuru, Jan. 24- The Day-1 of the South Zone Inter-University Women's Cricket Tournament witnessed some thrilling encounters across multiple venues in city yesterday.

In the first match, **Acharya Nagarjuna University (ANU)** defeated **Thiruvalluvar University** by 10 wickets in the match played at Maharaja's College Grounds. Both Neelima and Hassini scalped four wickets each for Nagarajuna University.

Having elected to bat after winning the toss, Thiruvalluvar University were bundled out for a paltry 86 runs in 21.2 overs. In their reply, Acharya Nagarjuna University chased the set target of 87 runs for no loss in just 7.2 overs. Hassini was not out at 42 while Haripriya was also not out scoring 35 runs.

In the other matches, **Pondicherry University** beat **Palamuru University** by 36 runs at JSS-SJCE Grounds. Having asked to bat first, Pondicherry University scored 161 for 8 in allotted 25 overs. In reply, Palamuru University managed to score 125 runs for the loss of eight wickets in 25 overs.

Results

At Maharaja's College Grounds: Thiruvalluvar University 86 all out in 21.2 overs (Neelima 4/15, Hassini 4/23) lost to ANU: 87 for no loss in 7.2 overs (Hassini 42 not out, Haripriya 35 not out).

Krishna University 100 all out in 24.4 overs (KYM Vishnu Vardhini 53, Avishna Priya 4/16) lost to **SRM University** 101 for no loss in 10.1 overs (R. Abarana 52 not out).

At JSS- SJCE Grounds: Pondicherry University 161 for 8 in 25 overs (Amruta 2/20) beat Palamuru University: 125 for 8 in 25 overs (Amrutha Sara 35 runs, R. Abhirame 3/17).

At SDNR Wadiyar Stadium: Bangalore University: 160 all out 10 in 21.4 overs (Reshma Fareed 44) beat **TNPSEU** 42 all out in 18.3 overs (Amanda 3/11).

At Manasagangothri Grounds: Bharathiar University 126 for 7 in 25 overs (Swetha 66 not out, Navya 2/22) lost to **Andhra University** 127 for 4 in 20.2 overs (Mahanthishree 39 runs).

WORD OF THE DAY

Wanderlust

Pronunciation: WAHN-der-lust (Noun)
Meaning: Wanderlust refers to a strong desire to travel.
Origin: "For my part," writes Robert Louis Stevenson in Travels with a Donkey in the Cévennes, "I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move..." Sounds like a case of wanderlust if we ever heard one. Those with wanderlust don't necessarily need to go anywhere in particular; they just don't care to stay in one spot. The etymology of wanderlust is a very simple one that you can probably figure out yourself. Wanderlust is a lust for wandering. The word comes from German, in which wandern means "to wander, hike, or stray" and Lust means "pleasure" or "desire."
Example: "In a few weeks, Ortega explained in a quiet moment, the Red Desert herd would begin its annual pilgrimage toward summer range. ...Some were homebodies, wandering only a few dozen miles. Others, as Hall Sawyer had shown, would trek 150 miles. And one legendary doe, Deer 255, ditched her herdmates and pressed on—up to the Gros Ventre Range, along the shores of Jackson Lake, and across the Snake River, all the way to Idaho. Was this mere wanderlust or part of a broader survival strategy?" — Ben Goldfarb, Crossings: How Road Ecology is Shaping the Future of Our Planet, 2023

THE ODD WORD

Papyrophobia

Fear of paper.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Pay the Price

Meaning: The phrase 'Pay the Price' means to suffer the consequences of someone's actions.
Origin: Scholars found the first instance of a term with a meaning similar to the phrase 'Pay the Price' in ancient Greek text, where the word 'tinein' was used to describe punishment and defined as "to pay a price, punish, take vengeance." In Old English, the word 'worth' seen as 'weorþ' had several different meanings; among them, worthiness, merit, or price in terms of equivalent value.
Example: "Jack drank so much last night! Now he's paying the price for it."

QUOTE BOX

If you fell down yesterday, stand up today. **—H.G. Wells**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

THRI LLED

Answer: Thrilled to bits.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Hayfield
6 Late Ms Swaraj of the BJP
10 Coca ___ : the world famous soft drink?
11 Colour Reversal Intermediate
12 Gossips
14 Australian bird
16 Swan Lake name
17 Tug of ___ : the rope-pulling sport?
19 Slightly wet
21 Farthest limit
22 10 cents for the Americans?
23 Of or pertaining to the eye
25 Silhouette
27 In ___ : relative by marriage?
28 French island
29 Defiles or smears
32 Spice or enliven
35 Golf stroke
36 Indochinese language
38 ___ facto : by that very fact ?
39 Brit. award
40 US Southland?
42 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan
43 Soften
45 Grow old
46 __ Deol : Dharmendra's daughter
47 Birds of prey
48 Musical studies

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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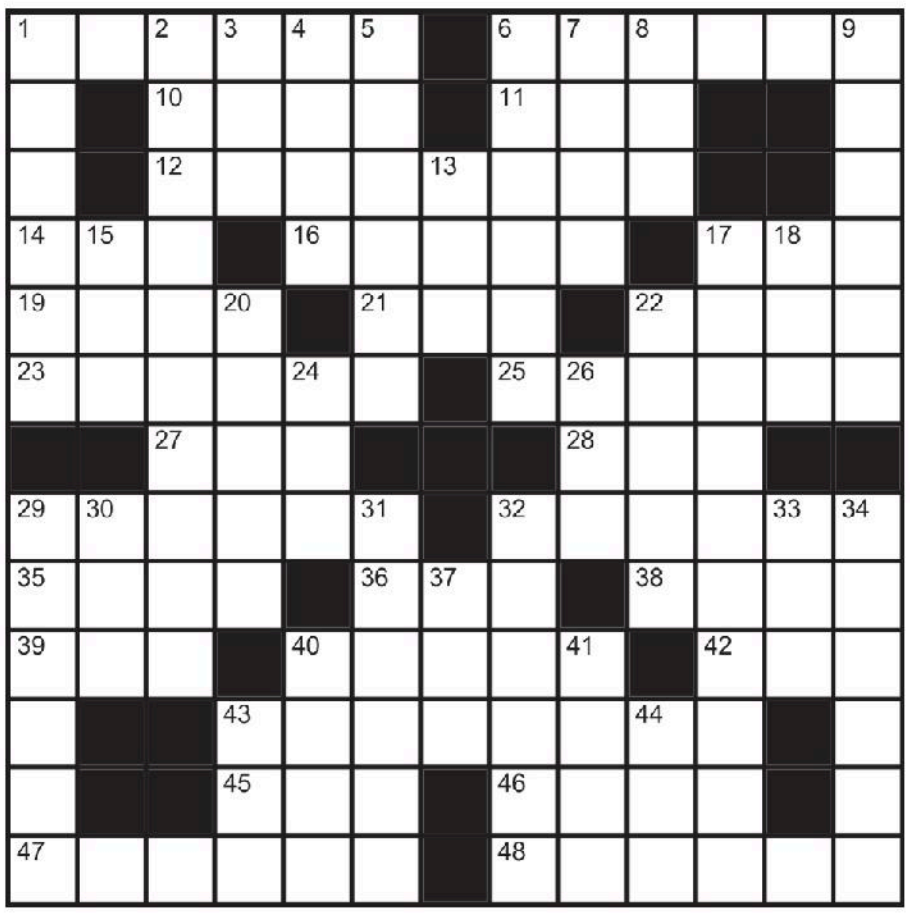
DOWN

1 Got by (4,2)
2 Amass or gather; aggregate
3 Note of the musical scale
4 Medley or mixture of sorts
5 Roam or digress
6 Burns with steam
7 Impulse
8 Little sister
9 Mr. Caddick of English cricket
13 Gain victory
15 PC alternative
17 Far-flung, general
18 Introduction to Latin
20 Braid
22 ___ Lama is spiritual leader of Tibet?
24 Bristle of barley
26 Hasten or hurry in archaic English
29 Marine growth
30 Clumsy boat
31 Playground items
32 Evening party
33 Order of St. Augustine
34 Unmusical or unpleasing sounds
37 Chopper
40 Venetian magistrate
41 The orient
43 ___ de mer (seasickness)
44 Wed successor



SUDOKU

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		6	1		9	5		
		2				7		
	4			3			6	

Answer to previous puzzle

3	6	7	9	2	4	8	5	1
1	5	4	8	3	6	9	7	2
2	9	8	5	7	1	6	3	4
5	1	9	4	6	3	7	2	8
6	4	3	2	8	7	5	1	9
8	7	2	1	5	9	3	4	6
4	3	5	6	1	8	2	9	7
7	8	1	3	9	2	4	6	5
9	2	6	7	4	5	1	8	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

MGEWIGMC QEBU MGYEWIG

AUEADU, TEM PYEB MGUB.

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Moderation is a fatal thing. Nothing succeeds like excess.

MOVIE LOVERS

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- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Sky Force (H) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
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DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Royal (K)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Emergency (H)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	(S-1)	10.10 pm; (S-2) 7.05 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	(S-2)	10.35 am
Kudumbasthan (Ta)	(S-2)	1 pm
Sankanthiki Vasthunam (Te)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Twilight of the Warriors: Walled in (E)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Sky Force (H)	(S-3)	10.25 am
	(S-4)	4.15 pm, 7 pm, 9.50 pm
Mr. Housekeeping (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Ramayana (H)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Rudra Garuda Purana (K)	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Dominic and The Ladies Purse (Ma)	(S-3)	10 pm
Forest (K)	(S-4)	10.20 am
Max (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm

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Royal (K)	(S-1)	10.40 am (S-2) 6.35 pm
	(S-3)	1.25 pm
Rudra Garuda Purana (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 6.45 pm
Max (K)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Kuzhanthaigal Munnetra Kazhagam (Ta)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
Forest (K)	(S-2)	1.05 pm, 3.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.40 am, 9.20 pm
Sky Force (H)	(S-2)	9.30 pm; (S-4) 4.15 pm
	(S-3)	11 am, 7.05 pm
Dominic and The Ladies Purse (Ma)	(S-3)	4.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm, 6.40 pm

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Royal (K)	:	9.20 am, 12.25 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.45 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	:	9.50 am, 6.35 pm
Forest (K)	:	10.10 am, 4.05 pm, 10 pm
Rudhra Garuda Purana (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.10 pm, 7.05 pm
Bottle Radha (Ta)	:	12:45 pm
Ride (K)	:	1.25 pm
Ramayana (H)	:	3.25 pm
Max (K)	:	3.50 pm
Kudumbasthan (Ta)	:	7.05 pm
Sankranthiki Vasthunam (Te)	:	9.30 pm
Dominic & The Ladies Purse (Ma)	:	4 pm, 10.15 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Royal (K)	:	9.50 am, 4.20 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Rudhra Garuda Purana (K)	:	10.10 am, 4.10 pm
Forest (K)	:	10.20 am, 1.20 pm, 7.15 pm
Sky Force (H)	:	11.20 am, 2 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.20 pm, 10 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	:	12.55 pm, 3.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Sankranthiki Vasthunam (Te)	:	1.10 pm
Max (K)	:	6.45 pm
Ramayana (H)	:	10.15 pm

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Sky Force (H)	:	9.55 am, 11.20 am, 2 pm, 4.40 pm 7.20 pm, 10 pm
Rudhra Garuda Purana (K)	:	10.10 am, 3.35 pm
Ramayana (H)	:	10.45 am, 6.35 pm
Sankranthiki Vasthunam (Te)	:	12.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Royal (K)	:	1.10 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	:	1.40 pm, 7.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	4.10 pm
Forest (K)	:	4.35 pm

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Royal (K)	:	10.15 am, 4.10 pm, 10 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.15 pm, 4.25 pm
Sky Force (H)	:	10.45 am, 11.50 am, 2.30 pm 5.10 pm, 7.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Forest (K)	:	1.25 pm, 7 pm
Rudhra Garuda Purana (K)	:	1.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Ride (K)	:	4.25 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	7.10 pm
Sankranthiki Vasthunam (Te)	:	7.20 pm
Dominic and The Ladies Purse (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 24)

- **Swadeshi Jagaran Manch - Karnataka:** Swadeshi Mela-2025, **up to 9 pm;** Cultural programme - Kannada Nadunudi - Gamaka Vaachana by Vidu. Pallavi Bhat, Hosapete, Vijayanagar district, Vyakyana by G.R. Srivatsa, Kannada Lecturer, Gopalaswamy PU College, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** Devotional songs by Vidu. Priyanka Rao and troupe, Bengaluru, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** Violin Duet by Amrithavarshini Bhargava S & Vishveshwara Bhargava, Mysuru, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm;** 'Hasya Sanje' by Mimicry Gopi, Maharaja's College Grounds, **7.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** *Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Parur MSG Memorial Concert - Veena Concert by Vid. Ramana Balachandran, accompanied by Vid. Patri Satish Kumar on mridanga and Vid. G. Guruprasanna on kanjira, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Shruthimanjari Foundation:** 27th Annual Music Festival, Karnatak Classical Vocal Music by Vidu. Amrutha Venkatesh, accompanied by Vid. Vaibhav Ramani on violin and Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga, Rotary West Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysuru:** State-level Children's Theatre and Folk Arts Festival, staging of play 'Madhyama Vyayoga' by JSS Public School of SJCE campus, written by Bhasa, music by Chandrashekarachar Heggotara, directed by Jeevan Kumar B. Heggod, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
- **The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), Mysuru:** Masterclass on Innovation-Driven Entrepreneurship by **Kiran Bettadapur,** Director of Blaze Ventures, Investor, Patent Attorney, Supreme Court Advocate and Partner at Prudentia Law Chambers LLP; Leadership Installation Ceremony of **Bhaskar Kalale** as the new President of TiE Mysuru Chapter, Godavari Ballroom, Hotel Le Ruchi the Prince, Mysuru, **6.30 pm to 8.30pm.**

Kiran Bettadapur

Bhaskar Kalale

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 25)

- **Swadeshi Jagaran Manch - Karnataka:** Swadeshi Mela-2025, **10 am to 9 pm;** Workshop on Terrace Garden by Pratima Adiga, Bengaluru, **11 am to 1 pm;** Women's Conference, **2.30 pm to 4.30 pm;** 'Tingalu Mulugidavo - Janapada Geeta Gayana, Vadya Vaividya' by theatre artiste S. Subramanya and Karnataka Janapada Academy Member Devananda Varaprasad, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** 'Janapada Sanje' by Janapada Gurukula, Udupi, Maharaja's College Grounds, **7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Art Exhibition:** Displaying of traditional art works (Mysore Style, Tanjore Style & Kalamkari) and acrylic paintings by artist M. Akshatha Savithri, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira premises, **11 am to 6 pm.**
- **Surabhi Gaana Kalamandira Charitable Trust:** Aralu Prathibe, Karnatak music concert by Vidushi Medhini Bhat (Bengaluru), Vidwan Amogha Nadadur (Mysuru) on violin, Vidwan P.S. Sridhar (Mysuru) on mridanga, "Shri Swara," #1095, Devaparthiva Road, Chamarajapuram, **4.30 pm.**
- **Shruthimanjari Foundation:** 27th Annual Music Festival, Karnatak Classical Instrumental Music - Violin Duet by Vid. Vittal Ramamurthy and Vid. Srihari Vittal. They will be accompanied by Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Rotary West Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysuru:** State-level Children's Theatre and Folk Arts Festival, Bharatanatyam recital by Vidu. Dimple and troupe of Krishne School of Dance; Staging of play 'Aame Kathe' Baa Srishti, Mysuru - children of Mulluru Government School, written by I.K. Bolwar, music by Anush Shetty, directed by Geetha Mohite, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

Yi to host Youth Movement event

Mysuru, Jan. 24- Young Indians (Yi) is a movement for Indian youths to converge, lead, co-create and influence India's future. As an integral part of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), a non-government and industry-managed organisation playing a proactive role in India's development process, Yi looks to be the 'Voice of Young India' and support Nation-building through its various activities.

Yi has organised an event titled "Discover Young Indians (Yi): A Dynamic Youth Movement" on Jan. 25 at 4 pm at The Clovers, Mysuru.

Free coaching for Police recruitment

Mysuru, Jan. 24- Jnanabuthi Institute will be conducting free coaching class for competitive exams for recruitment of Constables and Sub-Inspectors in Excise and Police Departments, at its premises in Lakshmipuram High School and PU College campus, JLB Road in city. Candidates can register their names at Jnanabuthi between 5.30 and 7.30 pm till Jan.30. For details, contact Mob: 94481-17455 or 99728- 30857 or 82967-88251.

Student scholarship

Mysuru, Jan.24- The Backward Classes Welfare Department has extended the deadline for eligible backward class students (belonging to categories 1, 2a, 3a and 3b) to apply online for D. Devaraj Urs foreign studies scholarship till Feb.5.

For details, log on to website *https://bcwd.karnataka.gov.in* or contact Mob: 80507-70004, according to a press release.

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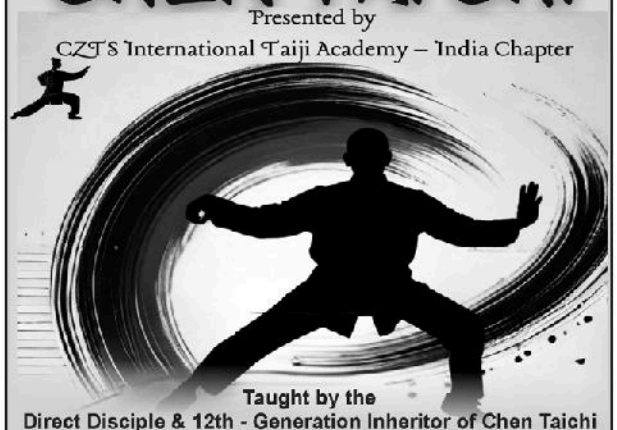
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